Pakistan. Majority of them might have come through Samjhauta Express. The Government of India are in constant touch with the State Governments and UT Administrations on the subject of tracing out of such Pak nationals and to deport them.

Formation of New States After Independence

2833. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) how many new States were formed after Independence;

(b) how many States got their new capitals;

(c) how many States are without any capital:

(d) what are the reasons for not providing capital to these States; and

(e) how many States are having joint Capital and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) to (e) The territory of India presently comprises 25 States, besides Union territories. Details in this regard are available in the First Schedule to the Constitution of India.

Only 2 States, *viz.*, Punjab and Haryana, have a common capital at present. Each of the remaining States has its own capital. The question of a separate capital for Haryana is linked to the larger issue of transfer of Chandigarh to Punjab.

Lawyers Strike

†2834. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY :

SHRI ABANI ROY :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the lawyers in the Capital are on strike and are continuously demanding suspension of erring police officials responsible for their alleged brutalities;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry have since taken any action against the erring police officials who lathi charged them;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

† Original Notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Central Government have appointed a Commission of Inquiry to inquire into the circumstances leading to the use of force by the police on the lawyers demonstration at Parliament Street on 24th February, 2000.

Pending inquiry by the Commission, some police officials who were *prime-facie* found to have indulged in individual acts of use of unnecessary force have been suspended. Besides, two Assistant Commissioners of Police were transferred out of the district.

Bomb Blast in Delhi

†2835. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK :

PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of incidents of bomb explosion which took place in Delhi during the last three years and the number of persons killed in such incidents alongwith the number of persons seriously injured, who later succumbed to their injuries;

(b) the number of culprits arrested who were involved in bomb explosion during the last three years and what punishment were awarded to them;

(c) the reasons for the incidents of bomb explosion inspite of the declaration of red-alert and tight security every time; and

(d) the action Government propose to take to remove the prevailing fear from the minds of people due to continuous bomb-explosions and also to stop loss of lives and property thereby?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) The requisite information is given below:

	1997	1998	1999
No. of bomb explosions	22	5	2
No. of persons killed	11	4	2
No. of seriously injured persons who later succumbed to their injuries	1	1	—

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